

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 15 (of the substitute specification) with the following re-written paragraph:

US Patent 4,217,843 (KRASKA) describes an alternative design of can end in which the countersink has inner and outer flat walls, and a bottom radius which is less than three times the metal thickness. The can end has a chuck wall extending at an angle of approximately 24° to the vertical. Conversely, ~~the specification of our European Patent application EP0340955A~~ United States Patent Number 5,046,637 describes a can end in which the chuck wall extends at an angle of between 12° and 20° to the vertical.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21 (of the substitute specification) with the following re-written paragraph:

~~The detailed description of our Our European Patent No. 0153115~~ United States Patent Number 4,571,978 describes a method of making a can end suitable for closing a can body containing a beverage such as beer or soft drinks. This can end comprises a peripheral flange or cover hook, a chuck wall dependant from the interior of the cover hook, an outwardly concave reinforcing bead extending radially inwards from the chuck wall from a thickened junction of the chuck wall with the bead, and a central panel supported by an inner portion of the reinforcing bead. Such can ends are usually formed from a prelacquered aluminum alloy such as an aluminum magnesium manganese alloy such as alloy 5182.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8 (of the substitute specification) with the following re-written paragraph:

~~The specification of our Our International Patent Application published no. WO93/17864~~ United States Patent Number 5,582,319 describes a can end suitable for a beverage can and formed from a laminate of aluminum/manganese alloy coated with a film of semi crystalline thermoplastic polyester. This polyester/aluminum alloy laminate permitted manufacture of a can end with a narrow, and therefore strong reinforcing bead in the cheaper aluminum manganese alloy.